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SOVIETS READY TO DEFEND MANCHURIA; CH'EN I TROOPS ARRIVE IN MUKDEN

The independent-leftist Hong Kong <u>Hsing-tao Jih-pao</u> of 27 November reports that the Soviet Air Force is ready to defend Manchuria against UN aerial attacks and that a secret pact was concluded between the Chinese Communists and the Soviet Union.

The pro-KMT Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao of 29 November reports that some eight Soviet divisions are now deployed defensively in Manchuria. Both newspapers contend that about one third of the Soviet forces are made up of former Japanese troops which surrendered to the Soviet Union in 1945. The Hsing-tau Jih-pao states that 100,000 troops of the CCF Third Field Army have arrived in Mukden.

SAYS SOVIETS WILL ATTACK ON PLANES CROSSING BORDER -- Hong Kong, Heing-tao Jih-pao, 27 Nov 50

Taihoku, 26 November -- The Chung-yang News Agency revealed today that it has received reliable information from Hong Kong saying that the Soviet Air Force is ready to attack any UN planes crossing the Manchurian-Korean border to bomb Manchuria.

REPORTS CONCLUSION OF SINO-SOVIET SECRET PACT -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao,

Taihoku, 26 November (Chung-yang) -- According to reliable information from Hong Kong, a secret pact was recently concluded by the Chinese Communists and the Soviet Union. Under the agreement, the Soviet Union is responsible for equipping all Chinese Communist forces entering Korea to participate in the war. It also agreed to deliver 100 modern fighter planes to the Chinese Communist Air Force. Equipment and military supplies to be turned over to the Chinese Communist forces, it is reported, are to be delivered first to the CCF headquarters in Manchuria by the Soviet Union, after which they are to be distributed to the CCF in Korea.

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SOVIET TROOPS INCLUDE JAPANESE POWS -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 28 Nov 50

Seoul, 27 November -- Reports from the Korean front lines state that some eight or nine Soviet divisions comprising about 150,000 men are now being transferred to Vladivostok for deployment along the Korean border.

The information, it is said, was obtained through interrogation of a captured Chinese Communist soldier and a North Korean special agent who contended that they were so informed by a Soviet General named Vasil'yev approximation from the Chinese while they were in Harbin. These prisoners further stated that one third of the above men are Japanese troops which surrendered to the Soviet forces in 1945 and that two of the eight or nine divisions are Mongolian divisions.

SAYS 8 SOVIET DIVISIONS DEPLOYED IN NORTHEAST -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao,

Taihoku, 28 November -- A recent arrival from the Northeast has reported that eight Soviet divisions are now stationed in the various major cities of the Northeast for defense purposes. He further added that some 40,000 former Japanese troops which surrendered to the Soviet forces in 1945 are incorporated in the above divisions.

SOVIET TECHNICIANS AID CONSTRUCTION OF SHANGHAI UNDERGROUND HANGAR(S) -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 28 Nov 50

Taihoku, 27 November -- It is reported that under the supervision of Soviet technicians, the Chinese Communists recently completed the construction of underground hangar(s) at Hung-ch'iao airfield in Shanghai. Some 2,000 trained workers, of whom the greater majority were Japanese POWs transferred from Siberia, worked day and night on the project which was begun in September 1009.

Areas within a 5-mile radius of the airfield, it is said, have been placed off limits to the general public by the Chinese Communist authorities and no one is permitted to enter these areas without proper authority. It is also reported that all Japanese POWs who assisted in the construction of the above hangar(s), were immediately transferred to the north after the project was completed.

SAYS SOVIET STAFF OFFICER MAYALOV IN CANTON -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 28 Nov 50

Canton, 27 November -- It is reliably reported that Mayalov [approximation from the Chinese], one of the highest-ranking Soviet staff officers stationed in China, has been transferred to Canton by orders of Moscow to help the Chinese Communist military leaders in strengthening the defense of South China. After reaching Canton on 20 November 1950, he immediately called a consultative conference of all high-ranking Chinese Communist leaders in South China.

It is believed that his assignment to this area was due to the increasing KMT naval activities along the China Coast.

SAYS 100,000 MEN OF CCF THIRD FIELD ARMY ARRIVE IN MUKDEN -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 28 Nov 50

Taihoku, 27 November -- A KMT spokesman has reported that according to reliable information, some 100,000 men of Ch'en I's Third Field Army have already been transferred to Mukden. Some of these men, he said, are now participating in the Korean war.

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